

8 September 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

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SUBJECT : [REDACTED] Operation

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1. The current [REDACTED] operation, in response to the ARC low priority requirements, has completed five missions: two successful [REDACTED]

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one partially successful northwest China mission; one partially successful and one unsuccessful (weather) Laos missions. Coverage of the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was excellent. The priority target at northwest China was covered with clouds. Although some Laos targets were covered, the priority target, Dien Bien Phu, was lost due to an oxygen leak. Recovery of northwest China has been approved for 8 September 1959.

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2. Weather at Laos is forecast to be extremely poor for the next thirty days due to the monsoon season. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] For example, the last two missions landed approximately ten minutes prior to severe thunder storms; however, all missions are planned with sufficient fuel [REDACTED]. The weak radio

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beacon [REDACTED] is making

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strenuous efforts to help this situation. These factors result in relatively high risk operation and should be carefully considered for conduct of future low priority requirements.

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4. Plans are completed to ferry the J-75 equipped U-2 to Atsugi on 15 September 1959. I believe that all of [REDACTED] personnel should be in place at Atsugi on 15 September 1959 unless there are very high priority operations to be conducted.

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5. PROPOSED ACTION: Attempts will be made to secure Laos coverage through 12 September 1959. On 12 September 1959 [REDACTED] will be terminated with all CHALICE assets returned to Atsugi. [REDACTED]

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